SHORANUR-COCHIN RAILWAY—STATIONS NOT SELF-SUPPORTING.

122. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there are any stations on the Shoranur-Ernakulam line which are not remunerative;

(*b*) what is the average income and expenditure of Vettikatteri Station?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes; only one station, viz., Vettikatteri.

(*b*) The earnings and expenditure of Vettikatteri Station during the year 1938—39 are given below :—

	Rs.
Earnings	2,089.
Expenditure	2,352.

It has not been possible to ascertain the average income and expenditure.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* May I know whether there was any decrease in the earnings from the railway stations in this line since the discontinuance of certain trains?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* We can't say now.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know Sir, whether, if this Vettikatteri station is taken away, any part of this expenditure will have to be incurred or whether we can do away with this whole item of expenditure?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* If that station is taken away, we need not incur any portion of that expenditure.

SHORANUR-COCHIN RAILWAY—PURCHASE OF CLAY PRODUCTS FROM THE STATE FACTORIES.

123. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Railway Company is purchasing tiles and other clay products from the factories in the State for the use of the Shoranur-Cochin Line;

(*b*) if not, will the Government be pleased to instruct the Railway authorities to use Cochin products as far as possible?

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